

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-27, 29-31 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 29 and 30 are amended and claim 31 is added.

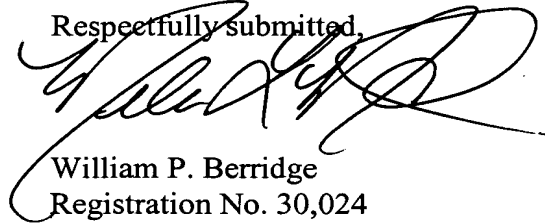
Applicants thank Examiner Lewis for the courtesies extended during the September 23, 2004 personal interview. During the interview, the Amendment filed September 15, 2004 was discussed. In particular, Applicants' undersigned representative traversed the §103 rejection based on the argument presented in the Amendment filed September 15, 2004. In an effort emphasize that the at least four atoms of the linker arm form a chain, claim 1 is amended herein to recite that the linker arm comprises "a chain of at least four atoms in series." Corresponding amendments have been made to claim 4, 29 and 30.

Claim 31 has been added to further define the invention. Claim 31 depends from claim 1 and is therefore patentable for at least the reasons discussed above and in the Amendment filed September 15, 2004.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-4, 6-16, 18-27, 29-31 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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